



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Miami-Dade County is soliciting proposals for RFP Number NFP0607 entitled "Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Not-For-Profit Community Organization Capital Fund (NFP)." The Capital Fund is a component of the 15-year Building Better Communities Bond Program (GOB). The Fund supports capital improvements designed to build and sustain the capacity of the non-profit sector in Miami-Dade County. Project funds will assist non-profit organizations in providing a facility or property for operations; providing an opportunity to expand and enrich programming, providing a chance to build capacity, providing increased public service, providing greater access, enhancing office and service space, and enabling program facilities to be operated more effectively and efficiently.

Experienced not-for-profit 501 (C) (3) organizations may apply. The following requirements, at a minimum, must be met to be considered an eligible applicant:

1. Active and registered Florida not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) Corporation.
2. Have a mission consistent with the goals identified in the Miami-Dade County Strategic Plan.
3. Demonstrate ownership of or intent to purchase a facility/property.

Over the term of the 15-year bond program, \$30 million will be awarded to community organizations for capital improvements. Facilities improvement projects should be designed to expand, renovate, construct, equip or acquire operating facilities located within Miami-Dade County. Grants are intended to have a major impact on the applicant, the target population served by that organization, and the surrounding community. The County encourages applications from organizations whose growth depends on access to and control of adequate facilities for optimum implementation of services, projects, and program activities. These activities must be accessible and made available to the general public.

This solicitation is intended to provide the County with a list of applicants that have eligible projects and are interested in accessing the NFP Capital Fund. However, the County in its sole discretion may recommend funding one or more projects at anytime. Funding allocations for eligible projects will be reviewed and recommended to the County Manager by an NFP Capital Fund Review and Selection Committee. Those recommendations will be reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee, GOB Subcommittee, and a final determination will be made by the Board of County Commissioners.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal [Number NFP0607], which will be available after **1:00 P.M., Friday, July 28, 2006**, by calling or visiting the Miami-Dade County Office of Capital Improvements, 111 N.W. 1st Street, 21st Floor in Miami, Florida 33129, (305) 375-1900. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at **9:00 AM (E.S.T.) on Monday, August 14, 2006** at the Miami Art Museum, 101 W Flagler Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room in Miami. Attendance at the Pre-Proposal Conference is strongly recommended. A second Pre-Proposal Conference will be convened at **9:00 AM (E.S.T.)** at the Port of Miami - World Trade Center 1015 N. America Way - 5th Floor Conference Room on **Thursday, September 14, 2006**. In order to maintain a fair and impartial competitive process, the County can only answer questions at the Pre-Proposal Conference and must avoid private communication with prospective proposers during the proposal preparation and evaluation period. This RFP is subject to the Cone of Silence Ordinance 02-3.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 2:00 P.M. (E.S.T.), Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Miami-Dade County, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, 111 N.W. 1st Street, 17th Floor, Suite 202, Miami, Florida 33128.

Miami-Dade County is not liable for any cost incurred by the proposer in responding to this RFP, and it reserves the right to modify or amend the proposal deadline schedule if it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of Miami-Dade County. The County also reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any minor technicalities or irregularities, and to award the contracts in the best interest of Miami-Dade County. **The contact person for this RFP, Mr. Jose A. Galan, Chief, Program Legislation, Office of Capital Improvements, and may be contacted at (305) 375-1900.**

Miami-Dade County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on age, gender, race, or disability.

The Departments of Procurement Management and Business Development are pleased to announce that the Miami-Dade County Vendor Information Center (VIC) is located at 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 112 (Ground Floor), Miami, Florida 33128. The VIC will provide information and assistance in doing business with Miami-Dade County, vendor registration and certification, and current contracting opportunities countywide.



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